

## STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: In the United States, over 10 million men and 20 million women will suffer from a

clinically significant eating disorder sometime in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS: Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of all mental health diagnoses; and

WHEREAS: The National Eating Disorder Awareness Walk (NEDA) brings the community together

to demonstrate support for those fighting the daily battles of eating disorders and to

bring awareness to all diagnoses; and

WHEREAS: The NEDA Walk provides for education and information used to help patients, families,

care providers, and the general public spot early identification signs and symptoms of

eating disorders; and

WHEREAS: The NEDA Walk bolsters research for evidence-based treatments, medications, and

models of care that promote healing and wholeness for the patient and family; and

WHEREAS: The NEDA Walk supports a unique partnership amongst government, foundations,

academia, healthcare insurers, and clinicians worldwide; and

WHEREAS: Many organizations across Minnesota are working together with patients to achieve

recovery from eating disorders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, February 28, 2016, as:

## MINNESOTA BREAK FREE FROM EATING DISORDERS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February.

GOVERNOR